or participant may contest the findings in the same manner as applies to other information and findings relating to eligibility factors under the applicable program. Termination, denial, suspension, or reduction of assistance shall be carried out in accordance with requirements and procedures applicable to the individual covered program, and shall not occur until the expiration of any notice period provided by the statute or regulations governing the program.

[61 FR 11113, Mar. 18, 1996, as amended at 65 FR 16715, Mar. 29, 2000]

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 65 FR 16715, Mar. 29, 2000,  $\S5.236$  was amended by revising paragraphs (b)(1), (b)(3)(i)(B), and (C), effective Apr. 28, 2000. For the convenience of the user, the superseded text is set forth as follows:

#### § 5.236 Procedures for termination, denial, suspension, or reduction of assistance based on information obtained from a SWICA or Federal agency.

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- (b) \* \* \* (1) Any determination or redetermination of family income made on the basis of information verified in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements and procedures applicable to the individual covered program. Independent verification of information obtained from a SWICA or a Federal agency may be:
  - (i) By HUD; and
- (ii) By a HA, when the benefit to be provided to the assistance applicant or participant is under a program in parts 880, 882, 886, 887, 891, 904, 950, or 960 of this title, including when the HA is the contract administrator for the owner.

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- (3) \* \* \*
- (i) \* \* \*
- (B) The HA, with respect to programs under parts 880, 882, 886, 887, 891, 904, 950, or 960 of this title for which the HA is responsible for determining eligibility or level of benefits; or
- (C) The owner (or mortgagee, as applicable), with respect to programs under parts 215, 221, 235, 236, or 290 of this title, or when the owner is responsible under parts 880, 882, 886, 887, 891, 904, 950, or 960 of this title for determining eligibility or the level of assistance or

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### §5.238 Criminal and civil penalties.

Persons who violate the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 3544 or 26 U.S.C. 6103(l)(7) with respect to the use and disclosure of income information may be subject to civil or criminal penalties under 42 U.S.C. 3544(c)(3), 26 U.S.C. 7213(a), or 18 U.S.C. 1905.

# § 5.240 Family disclosure of income information to the responsible entity and verification.

- (a) This section applies to families that reside in dwelling units with assistance under the public housing program, the Section 8 tenant-based assistance programs, or for which project-based assistance is provided under the Section 8, Section 202, or Section 811 program.
- (b) The family must promptly furnish to the responsible entity any letter or other notice by HUD to a member of the family that provides information concerning the amount or verification of family income.
- (c) The responsible entity must verify the accuracy of the income information received from the family, and change the amount of the total tenant payment, tenant rent or Section 8 housing assistance payment, or terminate assistance, as appropriate, based on such information.

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## Subpart C—Pet Ownership for the Elderly or Persons With Disabilities

AUTHORITY: 42 U.S.C. 1701r-1 and 3535(d).

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

### §5.300 Purpose.

- (a) This subpart implements section 227 of the Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983 (12 U.S.C. 1701r-1) as it pertains to projects for the elderly or persons with disabilities under:
- (1) The housing programs administered by the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner: